

Rep. Marc Morris
District 26

## **Biography**

As a businessman, Marc Morris founded The Talmadge Group in 1998, to meet the technical staffing needs of Fortune 1000 clients. In 2004, he spearheaded Talmadge's transformation from a staffing firm to a full-service information technology integration and support services provider with a specific focus on providing web-supply chain solutions to commercial and federal clients. Since 2014, The Talmadge Group has been named to the INC 5000 list of America's Fastest Growing Companies. Talmadge was also named as the "2017 Best of Forsyth Personnel Placement Firm."

Ever committed to service, Marc joined the U.S. Navy following his junior year in high school under the Delayed Entry Program (DEP), where after graduation, he reported to the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in the summer of 1981. He was accepted into the "Religious Program Specialist" (RP) Rating, where he spent over eight years providing financial, logistics, technical and personal protection support to the U.S. Navy Chaplain Corps. One of his posts included an assignment to the Navy Chief of Chaplains Office, where he was recognized for his contributions to modernizing the IT capabilities of offices for two Flag Officers. His service decorations include Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Humanitarian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal (2 Awards) and Expert Pistol & Rifle Medals. He was also able to continue his education through the international extension departments of the University of Maryland and Central Texas College.

Following the 9-11 attacks on America, Marc discovered an opportunity to serve in the Georgia State Defense Force (GSDF) as the Non-Commissioned Officer in Charge (NCOIC) of Recruiting & Retention. After several other assignments and promotions, he honorably separated as a Master Sergeant (E-8) in 2017. Although he is not a Vietnam era veteran, Marc is a passionate advocate for Vietnam veterans and the issues they face.

Active in his community, Marc is an active member of the Lanier-Forsyth Rotary Club and Cumming Forsyth Chamber of Commerce. He volunteers for numerous events and fundraisers which benefit youth within our community. Marc is also an active member of VETLANTA, a collaboration among Atlanta area business to support veteran-orientated employment initiatives. During Christmas, you'll find him collecting and processing toys for Clark Howard's "Clark's Kids Christmas" and welcoming troops with the U.S.O. at Hartsfield-Jackson Airport.

After months of consideration and extensive conversations with current and past community leaders, Marc decided to enter the race for the Georgia House of

Representatives. Although there are many issues facing Forsyth and the state of Georgia – he believes **water**, **education** and **transportation** must be our top priority. Marc believes these three critical issues will not only enhance our current quality of life, but will ensure Forsyth's ability to continue to attract hi-tech companies that make long-term capital investments in our community.

## **Memberships & Affiliations:**

Forsyth County Republican Party
Armed Forces Electronics and Communication Association (AFCE)
State Guard Association of the United States, Life Member
Rotary International
Lake Lanier Association
Cumming-Forsyth County Chamber of Commerce
International Supreme Council Order of DeMolay, Life Member
The Association of Georgia State Defense Force, Life Member

Marc and his wife, Donna, have resided in Cumming (Princeton Square subdivision) since 2004 and have one daughter, Natalie. They are active members of Lanier Methodist Church.